



2001 Mars Odyssey Mission

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Mission Overview

Salient Features

- Mars Orbiter Launched: April 7, 2001
- Payload: GRS, HEND, MARIE, NS, THEMIS
- Primary Mission: Feb 2002 - Aug 2004
- 1st Extended Mission: Aug 2004 - Sep 2006
- 2nd Extended Mission: Oct 2006 - Sep 2008
- 3rd Extension Proposed: Oct 2008 - Sep 2010

Science

- Globally Map the Elemental Composition of the Surface
- Acquire High Spatial and Spectral Resolution Mapping of Surface Mineralogy
- Determine Abundance of Hydrogen in the Shallow Subsurface
- Provide Information on the Morphology of the Martian Surface
- Characterize Specific Aspects of the Martian Near-Space Radiation Environment
- Observe Inter-Annual Variations and Secular Changes





Current Scope of Work

- The E2 mission pursues the following science goals:
 - Monitor inter-annual and secular variations of the Mars climate system and surface processes
 - Improve the resolution of existing elemental maps and generate maps of additional key elements
 - Expand the capability of the THEMIS camera system by implementing off-nadir pointing
 - Acquire data complementary to those obtained by other spacecraft at Mars, especially MRO
- The E2 Mission provides the following operational support to other Program missions:
 - UHF relay support to MER
 - Landing site reconnaissance for PHX and MSL



Facilities

Project Management and Mission Operations

- JPL (Pasadena, CA)
 - Project Management: Risk Management, Financial Management
 - Mission Operations: Navigation, Sequencing, DSN Allocations, Ground Data Systems, Multi-Mission Ground Software Systems (MGSS/DSMS)
 - DSN
- Lockheed Martin Space Systems (Denver, CO)
 - Spacecraft Operations: Spacecraft Monitoring, Trending, Commanding
 - Systems, Subsystems, Real-time Operations, GDS

Science

- THEMIS - Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)
 - Mars Space Flight Facility
 - Instrument monitoring, commanding, data analysis & archiving
- GRS, HEND, NS - University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ)
 - Lunar and Planetary Lab
 - Instrument monitoring, commanding, data analysis & archiving



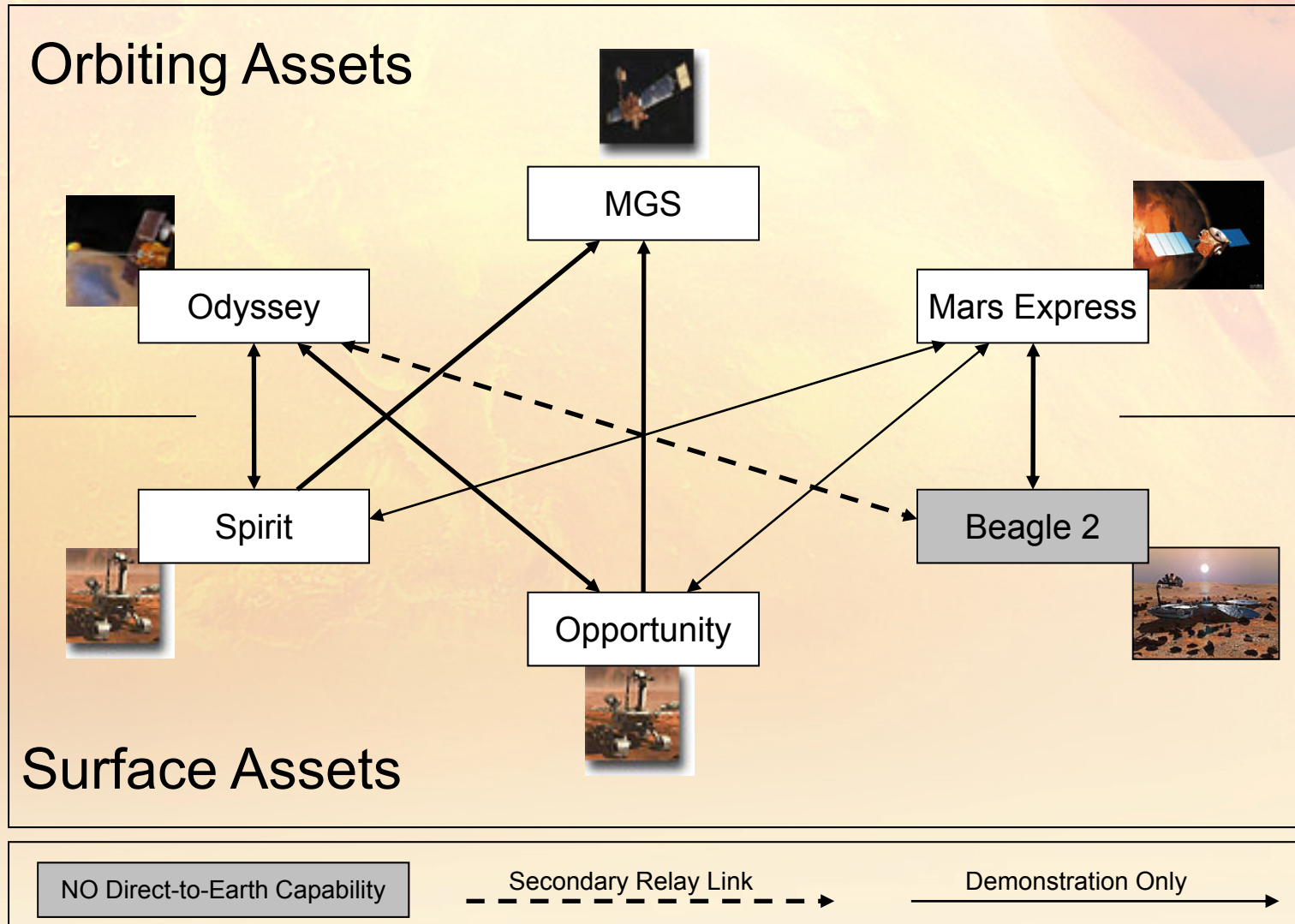
Critical Role of DSN

- Efficient ODY operation results from excellent support from all DSN complexes
 - Every ODY DSN pass brings critical data from four spacecraft (ODY, MER-A, MER-B & Phoenix)
- MSPA permits efficient utilization of highly subscribed DSN resources
 - ODY one of the 1st to utilize MSPA
 - MCD3 capability enables higher data rates for ODY and, thereby returns four times more science data
- Delta-DOR capability allows ODY to provide increased navigation accuracy for PHX and MSL
- ODY is the designated relay asset to bring down PHX EDL data in realtime!
 - 70m support crucial for this high visibility activity



ODY's Role in Mars Telecom Infrastructure

The Original Network (2003)



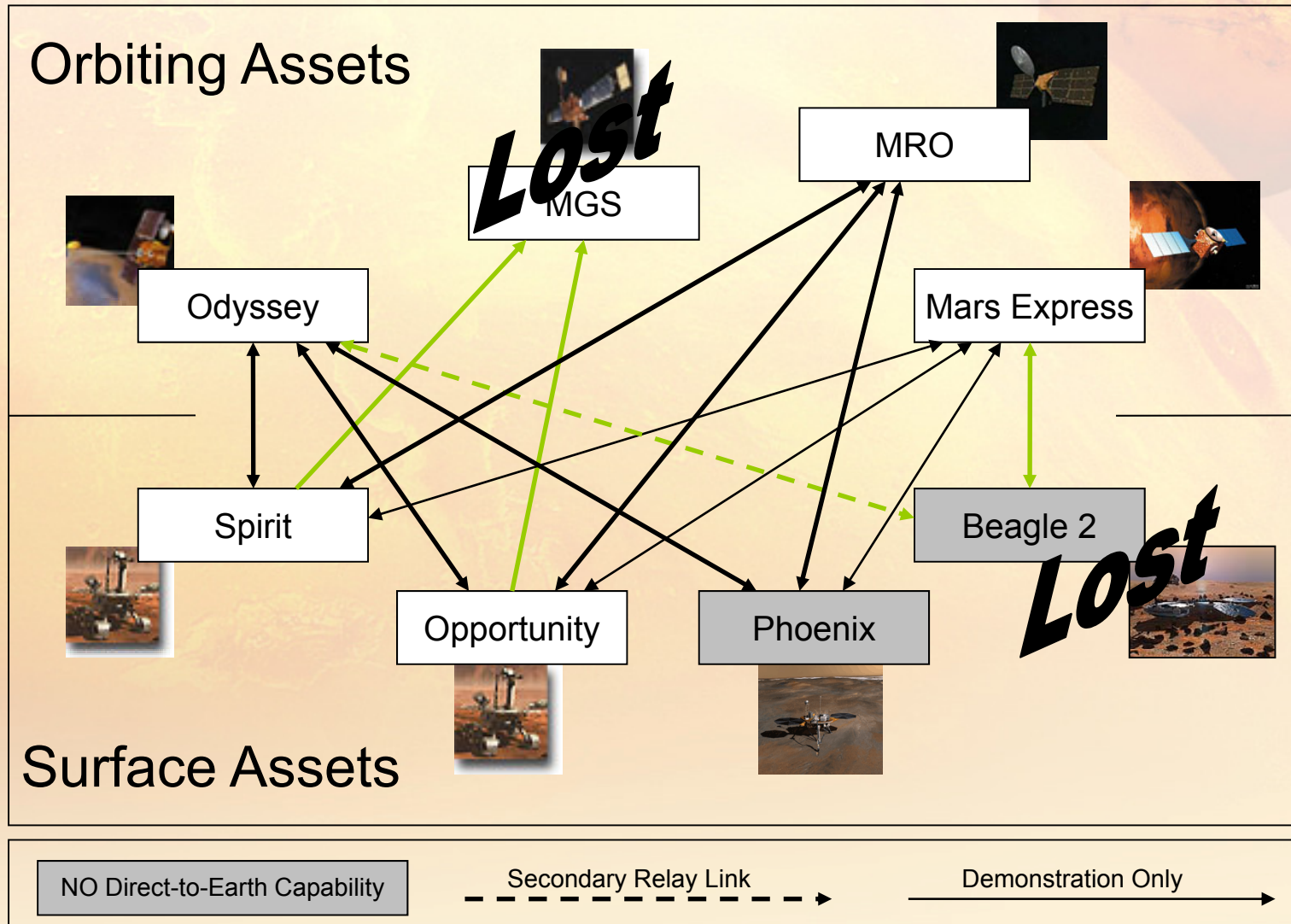


Relay as Mission Supplement

- With MER, UHF relay was considered a supplementary path to return more data. Primary success criteria relied only on X-band DTE/DFE.
- Within a week, relay operations proved itself an invaluable asset, and the focus shifted.
- As of today, well over 95% of the MER data return has come via Odyssey. X-band DFE (through the DSN) is still the primary uplink path, however.
 - It is far more energy-efficient for the lander to use UHF to a near orbiter, than X-band to distant Earth. Spend the power on science!
 - Orbiters are seldom power-starved, are unaffected by dust storms, etc.
 - ODY has been used for commanding (MRO aerobraking, FSW loads)
 - Once the data are on-board ODY, they look just like another instrument's data
- Beagle-2 was always planned as relay-only, but the Odyssey contribution was planned as a temporary measure until Mars Express was on station.
 - Early “search and rescue” operations relied heavily on the ODY flexibility, but alas, ultimately proved fruitless
- Phoenix learned from MER, and will use only UHF relay for surface ops, no X-band DTE/DFE capability exists.



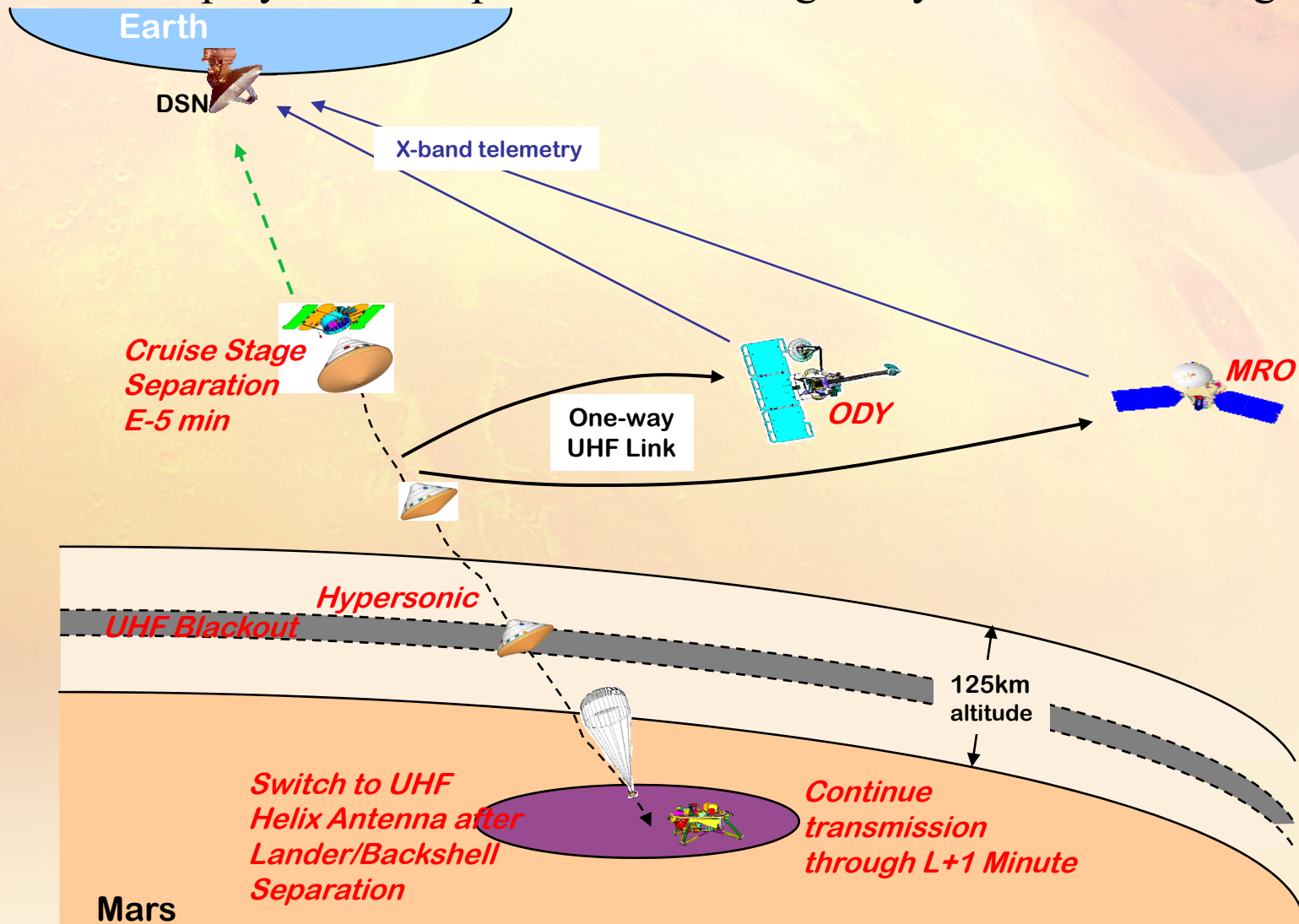
Current Mars Telecom Infrastructure





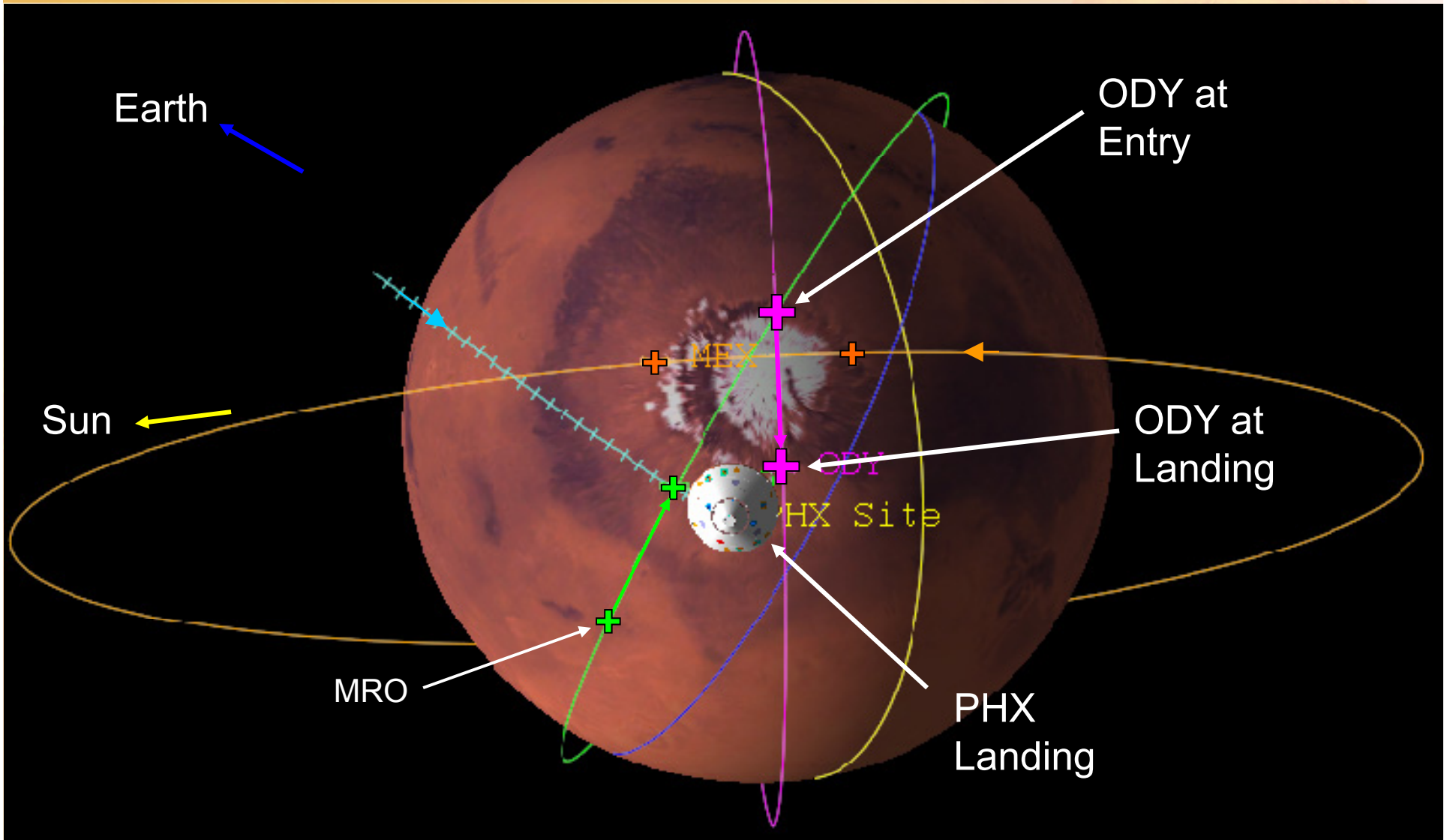
PHX EDL Comm Overview

Orbiters play a critical part of monitoring Entry-Descent-Landing





EDL Geometry (Entry through Landing)





Phoenix Support

Landing Site Characterization

- THEMIS imager has blanketed the entire landing site latitude band
 - Night-time infra-red measurements are good proxy for rock distribution
- PHX mission predicated on original GRS discoveries of ground ice

Entry, Descent, and Landing

- ODY will provide real-time return of PHX EDL data via UHF
- ODY will provide the first landed overflight and data return 2 hrs later
- This will all happen prior to availability of any data from MRO

Surface Operations Support

- ODY will provide command and data return UHF support for all PHX overflights
 - Heavily utilized during early characterization phase
 - ODY orbit geometry is favorable for the AM command pass, late PM data return pass
- ODY flight team very experienced at UHF relay operations
 - UHF relay sequence blocks already onboard the spacecraft
 - Established Contingency plans already in place

Odyssey is integral to the success of the Phoenix mission



Preparations for Phoenix

Orbit Phasing for EDL

- Have been phasing ODY within its orbit to be in place for EDL
 - Daily Angular Momentum desaturations used to slowly adjust the orbit
 - Will be in position by Feb 28, and will station-keep until May 25
 - Contingency phasing maneuver opportunity May 8

EDL Pointing and Timing

- Odyssey points to an inertial attitude (towards PHX) during EDL
 - Attitude designed to enable real-time data return to Earth
- Robust sequence timing to ensure capture of all EDL data

Operational Readiness Tests

- Significant participation in Phoenix training exercises
 - ORTs 4-10: EDL, Characterization phase, Surface support

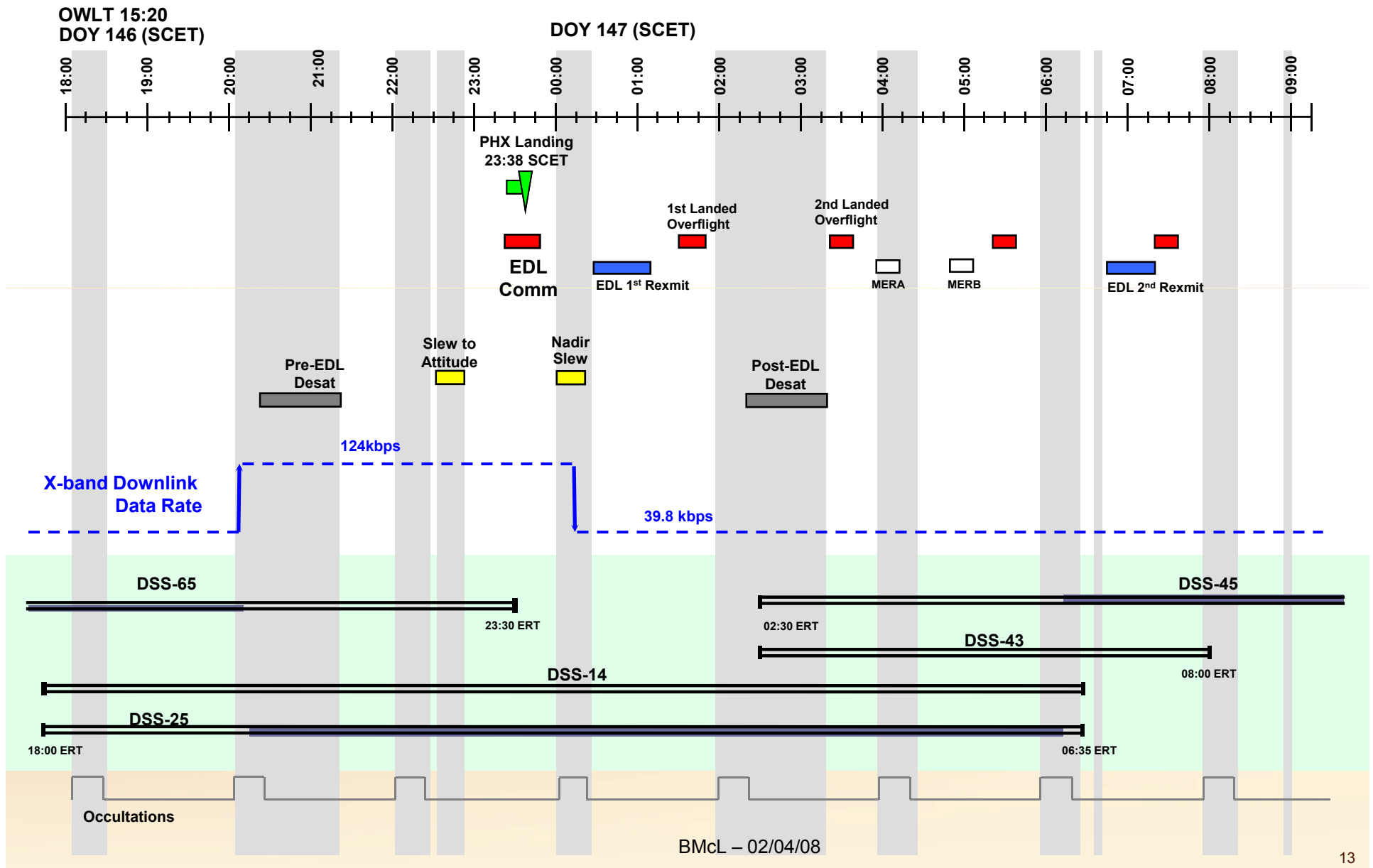
Relay Planning

- Established multi-mission UHF relay procedures updated to include new players: PHX and MRO

Odyssey is prepared and ready for Phoenix support

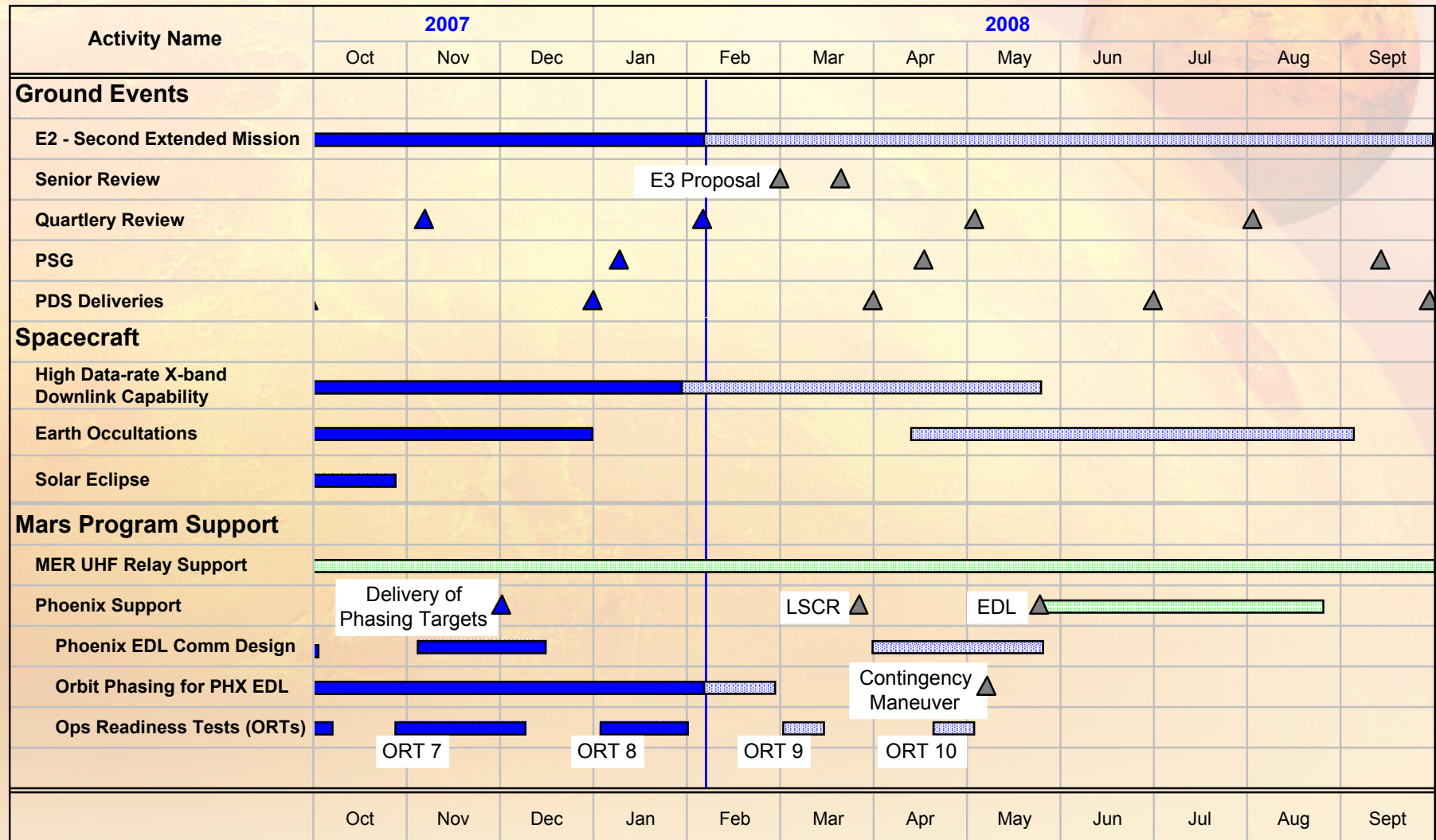


EDL Support Timeline





One Year Rolling Schedule





E3 Rationale

- Continuing Odyssey's operation beyond the E2 mission would address NASA's Mars exploration goals by:
 - Reinforcing Odyssey's role as a long-term asset in the scientific and operational infrastructure at Mars;
 - Providing operational support for critical phases of future missions, such as communications relay, landing site characterization, and atmospheric monitoring for aerobraking;
 - Significantly enhancing the data sets already acquired, extending their temporal and spatial coverage;
 - Enabling new types of observations by operating the instruments and spacecraft in innovative ways.



Spacecraft Status

Spacecraft is healthy, collecting science, supporting MER

- Science Data Return
 - *Approaching 5 terabytes for the mission*
 - *MER data return ~250 Gbits - vast bulk of MER data returned to Earth*
- Consumables
 - *35 kg of propellant, enough to last for another decade*
 - *IMU is component with least lifetime remaining - 3.5 years (Sep 2011)*
 - *No indications of degradation, may be able to preserve life with all-stellar ACS*
 - *7,000 power cycles on UHF radio, lifetime estimate: 8,000-12,000 cycles*
 - *Have already taken measures with MER to preserve radio lifetime*

Issues/Concerns

- B-side high-efficiency power supply (HEPS) shut down
 - *JPL/LMSS Anomaly investigation team assessing cause and risk*
 - *Most likely root cause is an SEU to the over-volt protection switch*
 - *This switch can be reset, and the anomaly would be recoverable*
 - *Awaiting final briefing from OAIT prior to proceeding with any action*



Q & A

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